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Operations - Mission Effectiveness: 100%

Mission Effectiveness reflects the number of successfully completed missions.

Maintenance - Mission Capable: 89%

The Mission Capable rate is the percentage of aircraft able to fly missions.

Support - Vehicle in Commission: 96.8%

The Vehicles In Commission rate is the percentage of drivable wing vehicles.

Med. - Individual Medical Readiness: 82%

Individual medical readiness encompasses everything that an active duty person needs to be medically worldwide qualified.

→ 319th ARW

Mission: The 319th Air Refueling Wing is America's finest combat air refueling wing ... working each day to defend America's freedom and training to execute rapid global mobility in order to defend America's future.

Vision: Proud of who we are and what we do; prepared to do our assigned missions and others we may soon be assigned; professional in our demeanor; patriots at heart.

Goals: Continue to build the wing's excellent reputation; be the benchmark for safe KC-135 operations; do whatever is necessary to care for our people and their families; be visionary; be fit.

Wing Reunification

Reuniting our Warriors at 4 p.m. today at the three-bay hangar.

This celebration of the reunification of our team is open to all wing members and their families. For more information call Maj. Pat Day at 747-6981.



How goes it

Tankers return, DC-8 beddown, new gym equipment Wing keeps busy



Col. Bill Bender
Wing Commander

This week has been a tremendously busy - and exciting one - for our wing. It was the week we saw the return of our warriors and aircraft from their six-month deployment to Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. and Hector Field, Fargo.

Today's 4 p.m. celebration at the three-bay hangar will give all of us - Airmen, civilians, family members and many from throughout the local community - a chance to welcome home our warriors in style as well as enjoy some food, drink and music from the Heartland of America Band's

Nightwing country/rock ensemble. These last six months have really demonstrated the skill, talent and commitment of Grand Forks Airmen. They not only successfully took the mission "on the road," but they maintained an amazing record of performance.

For their tremendous hard work and dedication to the mission, I am very grateful.

On a personal note, I really enjoyed the opportunity to fly with Captains Kruczynski, Matthews and Meanley, Staff Sgt. Callahan and Airman 1st Class Bankston on one of the first KC-135s to land on the new runway last Sunday. As you may have noticed, the skies around Grand Forks Air Force Base are no longer quiet ... and that's a good thing!

We'll soon have a new guest at our wing: the NASA DC-8 flying laboratory. Although a NASA aircraft, the University of North Dakota will manage the operations of the plane as it flies important scientific missions from right here on base.

We'll formally welcome this new "guest" at a ceremony on Monday. Speaking of Monday, we'll also be formally cutting the ribbons for two base additions: our new front gate at 2:30

p.m. and our new runway at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.


Last, but not least, I'd also like to offer my personal appreciation to some of our outstanding warriors.

Specifically, I want to thank Capt. Westby and Master Sergeants Clere and Sanborn for the outstanding job they did organizing a trip to Nashville for 75 wing members to attend the annual Airlift Tanker Association convention. I'd also like to recognize Lt. Prince, Tech. Sgt. McManus, Staff Sgt. Roman, Staff Sgt. Palmer, Airman 1st Class Perry and Airman 1st Class Casey. These Services Squadron folks put in a

lot of hard work behind the scenes to ensure the installation of our brand new, high-tech gym equipment. Thanks to them and our great fitness center staff, we have the best fitness center in the Air Force.

I hope you'll come out and bring your family to this afternoon's "Hangar Party" celebration ... welcome home Warriors of the North! Have a great, and safe, weekend.

Editor's note: For more on what the Warriors of the North are doing since the return of our Stratotanker fleet, see pages 3,12,13.



Action Line

Call 747-4522 or E-mail
commandersactionline@grandforks.af.mil

The Action Line is your avenue for information about events and activities on and around the base. For questions about current events or rumors, leave a message.
Questions will be answered in the order they are received.

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Consecutive DWI-free days

THE LEADER Warriors of the North



Cover: The return of the tankers home to their new runway wasn't the only reunion, many Warriors of the North came home after spending up to seven months taking the mission "on the road." For more, see pages 3, 12, 13.

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Commentary

Welcoming back the mission



By Lt. Col. Brou Gautier
912 Air Refueling Squadron Commander

The 319th Air Refueling Wing is home! This past Wednesday, the last Grand Forks aircraft departed Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. and returned home. The mission, commanded by Maj. Tom Thibault, 911th Air Refueling Squadron operations officer, marked the successful transition from "Grand Forks West" back to Grand Forks, N.D. after the completion of nearly six months of runway renovation.

While the final numbers won't be in for awhile, the 319th flew about 450 sorties from Fairchild and another 160 out of Fargo, N.D. In total, we logged approximately 2,300 hours supporting combat deployment and redeployment operations, Tanker Airlift Control Center (TACC) missions and our own training sorties.

Operating out of a strange field for six months increased the normal deployment tempo of the Warriors of

the North, but these professional Airmen took it in stride. We wanted the rules and procedures to be the same as if we were at home: no cut corners and safety in everything we did ... and our Airmen delivered!

Now, we are ready to begin our operations at Grand Forks again. Ironically, thanks to perennial assignment turnover, many Warriors of the North will be operating from Grand Forks for the first time! Despite this, all are glad to be back.

Speaking of that, it's important to remember that not everyone is back. We left a small team of base operating support Airmen behind to take care of the shut down details. As with any deployment, contracting, services and logistics readiness Warriors must ensure our infrastructure is ready to go.

Showing off phenomenal expeditionary combat support skills, these folks did a terrific job last Spring establishing our footprint and stayed very busy supporting a constant presence of nearly 300 Airmen with housing, furniture and linen and transportation contracts.

Now with most everyone departed, those same folks are busy inspecting housing, terminating contracts and ensuring all of our remaining property is shipped home. By Veteran's Day weekend they should be back, bringing final closure to our six-month deployment - and signifying the Warriors of the North are executing our wing's mission from home.



Early Sunday morning the new runway lights shine into the sky awaiting the first return of the first Grand Forks Air Force Base KC-135. After nearly seven months, the new runway was finally open for business.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Kellum

News

Volunteers needed

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance reps are needed. No experience is necessary and training will be provided through an Internal Revenue Service class at a date to be determined later. Volunteers help military members and spouses file taxes. If you are interested, send an email to Staff Sgt. Mark Simonds at mark.simonds-02@grandforks.af.mil.

Courts-Martial

Airman Basic David M. Turkaly, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, pled guilty at a special court-martial held here Oct. 12 to six violations of Article 121 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (Larceny and Wrongful Appropriation) and a violation of Article 123 (Forgery). Specifically, Airman Turkaly stole the victim's Capital One Platinum Visa Card, a Bank of America Government Travel Card, and a Bremer Bank Debit Card. Airman Turkaly also stole checks from the victim and used the checks and credit cards on 26 separate occasions to obtain a total of \$1,917 in cash and \$50 in gasoline. In three instances, he forged the victim's signature on the stolen checks to obtain \$550 in cash from the victim's bank account.

A military judge found Airman Turkaly guilty of all the charges and sen-

tenced him to confinement for seven months and a reduction to the grade of Airman Basic.

Airman Basic Nicholas D. Lawrence, 319th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, pled guilty at a Summary court-martial held here Oct. 13 to two violations of Article 92 of the UCMJ (Failure to obey order or regulation - Dereliction of duty).

Airman Lawrence was derelict in the performance of his duties in that he willfully failed to refrain from consuming alcohol while under the legal age of 21. Furthermore, Airman Lawrence failed to obey a lawful order, to wit: order not to possess, consume, introduce, or otherwise control alcoholic beverages within any Grand Forks Air Force Base dormitory. Airman Lawrence failed to obey the same by wrongfully consuming alcohol in his dormitory.

Lt Col Gregory F. Ircink, the summary court-martial officer, found Airman Lawrence guilty of all charges and sentenced him to confinement for seven days, reduction to the grade of Airman Basic and forfeiture of \$617 pay.

Courts-martial are open to the public. If you want more information about future trials or the court-martial process, please contact Staff Sgt. Trevor J. Smart, 319th Legal Office at 7-3617.

Teaching as a Second Career Seminar

Are you retiring or separating from the service after more than six years of active duty? Are you a spouse interested in teaching?

Military members and spouses who want to pursue a career in public education are invited to attend the Teaching as a Second Career Seminar here. The first session is Nov. 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the education and training center; a second session is set for Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the community activities center fireside room.

The seminar covers eligibility requirements and assistance provided by the Troops to Teachers and Spouses to Teachers programs. The seminar also clarifies teaching certification requirements. Teacher training programs and job opportunities in North Dakota and across the United States will also be discussed.

Troops to Teachers is a joint Department of Education and Department of Defense program that helps eligible military personnel begin new careers as teachers in public schools.

The seminar is free and open to the public.

For information and reservations call Linda Abbott, base education and training center, (701) 747-3311.

AF extends navigator application deadline

The deadline for officers interested in applying for navigator training has been extended to Jan. 10.

Officials moved the Air Force Undergraduate Flying Training Selection Board date to Jan. 24-27, which selects officers for pilot, navigator and air battle manager training, because of an increased opportunity for navigator training applicants.

With the Air Force's first Force Shaping Board scheduled for April, the flying training board will provide an increased opportunity to retain some of those affected officers in the 2002 and 2003 year groups.

Applicants must meet all requirements listed in Air Force Instruction 36-2205 "Applying for Flying Training, Air Battle Manager and Astronaut Programs." Applicants must not exceed their 30th birthday or five years beyond their Total Federal Commissioned Service Date by May 2006, the start date of the board's first available undergraduate flying training class. The suspense date for pilot and air battle manager applicants is unchanged. Those packages must be received by Nov. 23.

For more information call the special flying programs section at DSN 665-2330 or commercial (210) 565-2330.

New Human Resource System announced

Compiled from staff reports

The Department of Defense and Office of Personnel Management recently announced submission of final regulations for the National Security Personnel System to the Federal Register.

The final regulations define the rules for the new human resources system that will affect pay and classification, performance management, hiring, workforce shaping, disciplinary matters, appeals procedures and labor-management relations for about 700,000 DoD civilian employees.

"To transform the way DoD achieves its mission, it must transform the way it leads and manages its people who develop, acquire, and maintain our nation's defense capability," said Gordon R. England, acting deputy secretary of defense, who also serves as the DoD senior executive for NSPS. "Our civilian workforce is critical to the department's success and NSPS will provide a modern, flexible system to better support them."

NSPS will improve the way DoD hires, assigns, compensates and rewards its employees, while preserving the core merit principles, veterans' preference and important employee protections and benefits of the current system.

The regulations are the result of a broad-based effort that included input from DoD employees, supervisors, managers, senior leaders, union representatives, Congress and public interest groups. As a result of input received from the DoD unions as well as more than 58,000 public comments, DoD and

OPM leadership have made a number of changes to the proposed regulations.

"Preserving the fundamental rights of our employees was a critical factor throughout the design process," said England. "We believe the regulations strike a balance between employee interests and DoD's need to accomplish its mission effectively and to respond swiftly to ever-changing national security threats."

The implementation plan for NSPS includes a multi-year schedule. The Labor Relations System will be implemented for all bargaining unit employees shortly after the enabling regulations are in effect. The Human Resources System and the appeals process will be phased in once implementing issuances are in place and training is underway. Spiral One of the transition to NSPS, including Grand Forks Air Force Base, will

be phased in over the next year.

"Moving forward, implementing the regulations will require a great deal of training and communications with employees to get this right. OPM stands ready to provide the support and technical assistance needed to ensure the success of the NSPS system," said Office of Personnel Management Director Linda Springer.

Communication is critical to the NSPS transition, and the Department of Defense has made a serious commitment to ensure employees receive the information and training they need throughout implementation of the program. In addition to the NSPS Web sites, DoD plans a robust training program on all elements of the new system. The final regulations may be downloaded from the NSPS Web site at <http://www.cpmosd.mil/nsps> on Thursday.



Scholarships for Military Children program gets cooking for 2006

By Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

Money for college is "what's cooking" at 268 military commissaries worldwide as the Scholarships for Military Children program begins its sixth year of rewarding academic excellence. Since its inception in 2000, the program has awarded \$1,500 college scholarships to nearly 2,500 military children.

The recipe for success is the continued generosity of manufacturers and businesses that sell groceries in commissaries, and a growing number of donations by non-military-related organizations.

The program application period for the 2006 scholarship season opened Nov. 1 and remains open until Feb. 22,

2006, but donations have already started coming in.

"These donations all show great support for military families," Nixon said. "First, from commissary industry members who have donated nearly \$4 million over the last five years. And now, by average Americans who also want to help."

Public donations can be elected through a link at the official SFMC Web site at <http://www.militaryscholar.org> or the Fisher House Foundation site at <http://www.fisherhouse.org>.

Applications for the 2006 scholarship program will be available starting Nov. 1 at any commissary worldwide, online at the Military Scholar Web site or through a link at <http://www.commissaries.com>, DeCA's customer Web site. Eligibility

and other information is also available at the Military Scholar Web site.

Applications, which must include an essay on why the applicant admires a great military leader (past or present), have to be turned in at a commissary by Feb. 22, 2006.

At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants. The program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military.

Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the

fall term of 2006, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.



Safety

Don't blow it

By Gary Johnson
Safety office

Have you seen the movie Fargo? In that movie, a wood chipper was used as an oversized meat grinder.

Here in the north country many homes have another potential meat grinder; a snow blower. While they vary in size, their designs are similar; large rotating blades or impellers designed to pick up snow, grind it up and throw it out.

As with many such machines, its lack of attention that can be the worst problem.

The most common problem with snow blowers is that they clog up, especially when blowing heavy, wet snow. The clog usually occurs in the chute, and can be difficult to clear. That's where a lack of attention can get you in trouble.

Here are some simple rules that can keep you out of that trouble:

- Always read the manufacturer's instructions
- Never refuel a snow blower until the engine cools down.
- Never try to clear a clogged snow blower with the engine running.
- Never try to clear a clogged snow blower with your hands or feet. Use a broom stick or other implement after waiting two or three minutes after shutting down the engine.

- In deep snow, make half passes after the initial pass near the edge. This will reduce clogs.

North Dakota winters are often long and it is likely snow blowers will get a lot of use. By paying atten-

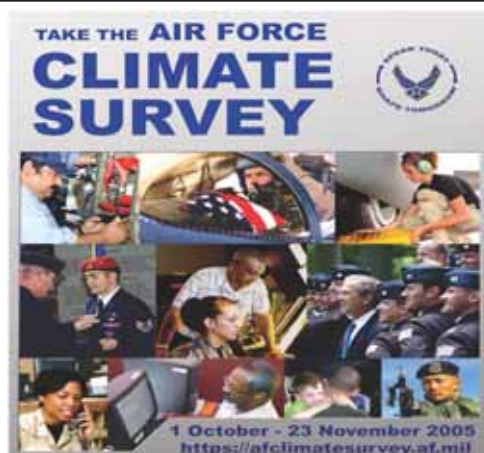
tion, and remembering some basic tips, you can make sure you greet spring in tact.





Combined Federal
Campaign
wing contact
88 percent

Effective as of Nov. 1



Make a difference

Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Turkey Bingo: 5 p.m., Nov. 19 at Eielson School. For more information, call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m., Sunflower Chapel.

Weekday Mass: 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sunflower Chapel

Reconciliation: 8:30 to 8:45 a.m., Sunday, Sunflower Chapel, or by appointment by calling 747-5673.

CCD and RCIA this weekend. For details on educational programs, call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:

Traditional Worship: 11 a.m., Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

Contemporary Worship: 6 p.m., Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel: 6:30



p.m., Thursday, Prairie Rose Chapel annex.

Protestant Sunday School and adult religious education classes: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Eielson Elementary School. Registered children will be picked up by buses in the housing area. For more information, contact Carol Shower at 747-3071.

JEWISH:

Call B'nai Israel Synagogue at 775-5124.

For more information regarding the Interfaith Calendar or for all other religious information, please call 747-5673.

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

***Flightplan* (PG-13)**

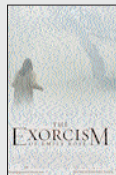
Flying at 40,000 feet in a cavernous, state-of-the-art E-474 aircraft, Kyle faces every mother's worst nightmare when her six-year-old daughter Julia vanishes without a trace mid-flight from Berlin to New York. Already emotionally devastated by the unexpected death of her husband, Kyle desperately struggles to prove her sanity to the disbelieving flight crew and passengers while facing the very real possibility that she may be losing her mind.



Saturday, 7 p.m.

***Exorcism of Emily Rose* (PG-13)**

In an extremely rare decision, the Catholic Church officially recognized the demonic possession of a 19 year-old college freshman. Told in flashbacks, 'The Exorcism of Emily Rose' chronicles the haunting trial of the



priest accused of negligence resulting in the death of the young girl believed to be possessed and the lawyer who takes on the task of defending him.

Nov. 11, 7 p.m.

***Serenity* (PG-13)**

Captain Malcolm Reynolds, a hardened veteran on the losing side of a galactic civil war, now ekes out a living pulling off small crimes and transport-for-hire aboard his ship, Serenity. He leads a small, eclectic crew who are the closest thing he has left to family - squabbling, insubordinate and undyingly loyal. When Mal takes on two new passengers - a young doctor and his unstable, telepathic sister - he gets much more than he bargained for.

Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

***An Unfinished Life* (PG-13)**

Still in shock from his only son's death a decade ago, Einar has let his ranch fall into ruin along with his marriage. Now, Einar spends his days caring only for his hired handyman and last trusted friend, Mitch, who was gravely injured in an encounter with a grizzly bear. Einar intends to live out his days in this heartbroken solitude...until the very person he blames for his son's accident comes to town: his daughter-in-law Jean.

Tickets:

\$1.75 children, \$3.50 adults.

For details call 747-3021

Nov. 7 Ceremonies

2:30 p.m. - Front gate ribbon cutting

3:30 p.m. - Runway ribbon cutting

**All members of base community
are welcome to attend.**

News

AMC flocks to Tenn. for ATA

By 2nd Lt. Randi Norton
Public Affairs

The annual Airlift/Tanker Association convention, held Oct. 27 to 30, proved to be a unique experience for 73 Warriors of the North.

More than 4,000 supporters of air mobility flocked to the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., to participate in convention activities. The convention included exhibits of current and future aerospace technology, educational seminars and presentations from senior officer and enlisted leaders.

"We had the opportunity to have history at our fingertips," said Lt. Col. Kip Turain, 906th Air Refueling Squadron commander and Grand Forks Air Force Base's A/TA chapter president. "Airlift and tanker legends, like Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Col. (retired) Jo Jackson and 'The Candy Bomber,' Col. (retired) Gail Halvorsen, were available to talk with throughout the convention."

While at a technology exhibit, Senior Airman Austin Hayes, 319th Maintenance Squadron, met and chatted with Colonel Jackson.

"Meeting Joe Jackson was probably the greatest honor I've ever had," said

Airman Hayes. "It wasn't like meeting an athlete or celebrity, I shook hands with an actual American hero."

The convention is not just about exhibits and seminars, it's also about relationships. According to Colonel Turain, the convention gives people from all over the command, the United States and the world a chance to develop new friendships and reunite with old friends.

The best part of the convention was seeing people I worked with at previous assignments and deployments," said Tech. Sergeant Ray Brooks, 911th Air Refueling Squadron. "If I could sum up the convention in one word it would be 'phenomenal.'"

Something particularly unique to the 2005 convention was the induction of a new member to the A/TA Hall of Fame.

Maj. Gen. (retired) James I. "Bagger" Baginski was inducted into the hall of fame during the final banquet. General Baginski was a former Director of Deployment for the Joint Deployment Agency. He was also an Air Mobility pioneer.

The convention was deemed a success by A/TA leaders, organizers and

participants.

"The convention was an outstanding success this year," said Colonel Turain. "All our Warriors were excitedly talking about attending next year's event."

The A/TA is dedicated to ensuring that American military forces continue

to have the air mobility capability required to implement the U.S. national security strategy.

A/TA has chapters and members around the world. Members include active duty, reserve, retired military, officers, enlisted, civilian and industrial.



Reflective belts aren't just a trendy accessory

By Gary Johnson
Safety office

Reflective belts are lifesavers during periods of reduced visibility. That means fog, low light or inclement weather. They alert vehicles and equipment operators to your presence and reduce the possibility of a



vehicle or pedestrian mishap. Reflective belts are required for all on duty personnel on the flight line and when exposed to traffic when there is reduced visibility and during the hours of darkness. Reflective belts are part of your personal protective equipment and

are evaluated during exercises and inspections. The requirement for the wear of reflective belts is contained in two Standards; 91-100 and 91-501.

Reflective belt usage is encouraged for off-duty use, too. If you're planning on jogging or bicycling over the weekend, take your belt to provide extra protection. Just remember to bring it back to your duty section on Monday.



The first KC-135 to land on the base's new runway touched down Sunday at approximately 1:05 p.m.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Coomes

Whole again

By Airman 1st Class Ashley Coomes
Public Affairs

After six long months of runway construction, more than 300 Warriors of the North and the base's aircraft who deployed to Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., and Fargo International Airport returned home.

"We are really excited, after six months of super work done on our runway, we are finally able to reunite our wing," said Col. Lee Deverne, 319th Operations Group commander. The project began April 20, with the deployment of 20 Grand Forks AFB planes to Fairchild AFB and 2 planes to Fargo International Airport. Aftcrew and maintainers also deployed to these locations to support the wing's mission, as well as medical, services, air traffic control and airfield operations personnel.

These deployed Warriors not only adjusted to working in new environments, but were also able to maintain the highest

air refueling capability in all of Air Mobility Command, said Maj. Pat Day, who organized today's welcome back ceremony (see sidebar).

"In fiscal year 2005, we provided 30 percent of all our Air Force's refueling capability, including active duty, Guard and Reserves," he added. "This speaks volumes on the dedication and standards of quality our personnel have."

"I'm proud of the job we did out there. Any kind of move is hard and there's always an adjustment period. Many of us had families and really missed them, but we knew people were counting on us to make the mission happen and so we came together to do it," said Staff Sgt. Camilo Bloch, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

The first plane returned from Fairchild Oct. 30, bringing about 30 Airmen, who said they were eager to be back home to see loved ones. Many also expressed gratitude for the support they received during their deployment.

"It's a great feeling to be recognized. The community at

Fairchild, like the one here, was very supportive. People would see you in uniform and say 'thank you.' For me, that was one of the most memorable things about this deployment," added Sergeant Bloch.

Fairchild and Spokane's support was not only important to Airmen and their families, but to the nation as a whole, said Col. Bill Bender, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander.

The impact of the deployment and return was keenly felt by family members.

"We're happy to have our families and jets back. It's a part of the community that we've been missing," said Airman 1st Class Jennifer Cavellia, wife of Senior Airman Rob Cavellia, who deployed twice to support the wing's deployed mission.

Those feelings were echoed by Colonel Bender, who summed it up saying, "We are excited by the safe return of all of our Warriors of the North and our aircraft as we look forward to once again taking off and landing at our own Grand Forks Air Force Base."

- ## New and improved
- State-of-the-art 12,350' (2.3 mile) runway
 - 120,000 tons of asphalt (6,320 truck loads)
 - 530 cubic yards of concrete (4,375 truckloads)
 - 8 football fields worth of sod



The first plane to arrive to Grand Forks Air Force Base delivered approximately 30 Warriors from their six-month deployment to Fairchild Air Force Base. Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Coomes

Hangar Party

A celebration of the return of flying operations to Grand Forks AFB and the re-unification of the 319th Air Refueling Wing

Nov. 4
4 to 7 p.m.
building 649
(the 3-bay hanger)

This is a family event for all members of the base community. Free Food and drinks will be provided, along with music by the rock/country group "Night Wing" along with kids' activities. Free family photos will be available in front of the home coming banner.

From routine deployment to Pakistan relief mission for millions

By Airman 1st Class Ashley Coomes
Public Affairs

A routine deployment turned into a disaster relief mission when a Warrior of the North suddenly found himself near the center of an earthquake that killed more than 50,000 people and left nearly 3 million homeless.

Master Sergeant Jeff Bohi, 319th Comptroller Squadron, was deployed to Islamabad, Pakistan, when the Oct. 8 earthquake hit. Only a few scant miles from the earthquake's epicenter, he quickly found himself surrounded by the turmoil created by the disaster and a witness to tragedy.

"I saw an entire building that had crumbled to the ground," he said. "Also, many buildings endured foundation problems that left them unusable, leaving people homeless. People who had houses were sleeping on their lawns, some set up tents, and I saw one Pakistani gentlemen sleeping under his truck."

Sergeant Bohi also added that one Pakistani man he knew had lost most of his family in the earthquake, one of thousands with the same story.

"He didn't make much money and

couldn't afford to take any time off to take care of his family's affairs so I gave him some money to help out."

Sergeant Bohi's gesture of kindness was echoed by similar gestures from thousands of Americans as well as the Department of Defense's massive relief efforts.

As of Oct. 31, those efforts have included 885 helicopter missions evacuating 3,138 people and delivery of 3.5 million pounds of supplies to quake-stricken areas.

The Air Force contribution began with the arrival of elements of the 621st Contingency Response Group, who set up air operations to ensure the smooth flow of relief supplies. Since then, Air Force C-17 and C-130 aircraft have delivered supplies to areas when the weather was too bad or the altitude too high for the choppers to fly. In total, there have been 95 airlift missions to Pakistan, carrying 882 tons of humanitarian-assistance supplies, 726 tons of equipment and 53 tons of medical supplies.

As a paying agent, Sergeant Bohi has played a role in the Air Force's relief efforts as well.

"We started buying supplies for the American military during the original

build-up of the deployment site," Sergeant Bohi said. "As the relief efforts have grown, additional contracting officers and paying agents have been brought in to help these teams take care of the mission. My job as a paying agent is to find out the needs of these teams and coordinate with local vendors to purchase those items."

Sergeant Bohi added that one of the most gratifying aspects of the relief efforts has been the cooperation between different nations as they work for a single cause: to save lives and end suffering.

"Americans have been working side

by side with a host of other countries," he said. "At any given time, you can see relief aircraft from all over the world including Thailand, Russia, and Germany."

Sergeant Bohi also noted that all these efforts have been warmly received by the Pakistani people.

"For the most part, they are very grateful for our efforts," he said. "In fact, several Pakistani people have yelled out to us, 'Thank you, America.'"

Editor's Note: Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service, contributed to this story.



Courtesy photo

Truck filled with relief supplies clog the streets of Islamabad, Pakistan and fill the windshield of Garnd Forks Air Force base's Master Sgt. Jeff Bohi's truck as aid reaches those affected by the earthquake.

Ability to Survive, Operate



Reporting and marking unexploded ordinances keeps base members safe, and provides explosive ordnance personnel vital information.



The wing conducted ability to survive and operate training to prepare for next summer's operation readiness inspection. Over 300 Warriors practiced deployment situations.



Gas, gas, gas! Within seven seconds, these ATSO players donned gas masks. They were already instructed to be in MOPP level two.



Aggressors maneuver through the fog in a mock attack on tent city.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Ashley Coomes

Community

Celebrating the season



Photo by Staff Sgt. Darcie Ildapao

The Halloween Carnival Oct. 28 and 29 at Liberty Square provided an alternate for traditional trick or treating.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Coomes

Monday's Harvest Fest at the Prairie Rose Chapel featured family friendly games.

(Below) The Harvest Fest had hay rides around the base for families, along with warm beverages to keep people cozy during their ride.

(Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Coomes.)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Darcie Ildapao

The Dakota Bear made a special appearance at last weekend's Halloween Carnival.



Base Activities

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER 747-3842

Today: Register for the Golden Harvest Wall quilt class held Wednesday and Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$11 plus supplies.

Through Saturday: Tubed oil, acrylic and watercolor paints are 25 percent off.

Monday: This is the last day to register for the kids class held Thursday from 1 - 2 p.m. The cost is \$3.

Monday to Thursday: Rubber stamps are 25 percent off.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CLUB 747-3392

Today: Karaoke is from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Sunday: Enjoy a brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Club members receive a \$2 discount.

Tuesday: There is free pool in the Northern Lights Sports Bar every Tuesday from 4 p.m. - close.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CENTER 747-6104

Wednesday: Ladies Night Out starts at 6 p.m. The event features a free movie (*Monster in Law*) at the base theatre. Register for door prizes and visit the vendor's booths.

OPERATION ENDURING FRIENDSHIP 747-6104

Saturday: The University of North Dakota takes on the University of Minnesota-Duluth at 2 p.m.

DAKOTA LANES 747-3050

Through Nov. 19: Five turkeys will be given away during a drawing Nov. 19. All bingo winners of \$10 or more will be entered into the drawing. All 'turkeys' (three strikes in a row) bowled during open bowling will win three free bingo cards instantly.

LIBRARY 747-3429

Wednesday: The 10 a.m. study hour topic is "*Happy Birthday Sesame Street.*"

AUTO SKILLS 747-3394

Through Nov. 30: Every block heater installation receives a free trip inspection.

OUTDOOR RECREATION 747-3688

Thursday: This is the last day to sign up for the Nov. 11 arts and crafts show at the Alerus Center. The trip will leave outdoor recreation at 10 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. The cost of transportation is \$7.50 for adults, free for preschoolers.

YOUTH CENTER 747-3150

Nov. 12: The preteen video night is from 7 to 9 p.m. and is open to children ages six to 12. The cost is \$1 for members, \$2 for non-members.

OFFICER'S SPOUSES CLUB

Saturday: The Thrift Shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments will be accepted Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Thursday: The Officer Spouses Club Bunco night. The social begins at 6:30 p.m. and Bunco starts at 7 p.m. Call 594-9219 to make reservations.

Nov. 17: The OSC November event is a wine and cheese tasting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the golf course lodge. The cost is \$10 per person and spouses are welcome at this event.

Those interested in attending should call Elaine Sison to RSVP for the event and for babysitting at 594-9523.

Nov. 18: The OSC Texas Hold'em club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the community activities center.

To sign up, call Desiree Cole at 594-9426.

Thanksgiving recipes wanted

Send in your favorite holiday recipes to the Leader for the Nov. 18 issue. For more information, call 747-5020.



Fit to Fight

SFS beats LRS for championship

By Airman 1st Class Patrice Clarke
Public Affairs

The second day of November brought cool temperatures, high winds and the 319th Security Forces Squadron against the 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron out to the gridiron for the intramural flag football championship.

The elements didn't stop SFS from capping an undefeated season with a 20-13 victory over LRS.

During LRS' first drive the SFS defense showed its power with a quarterback sack by David Helmbrecht.

After halting the logisticians, the cops countered with a touchdown run by Michael Garnsey. Aurther Zeitler caught the extra point while falling out of bounds for a 7-0 lead.

LRS tried to answer back but the cops weren't having it and stopped them like they were speeding in a school zone.

SFS' next turn with the ball was slowed by poor ball handling, but they recovered and scored when Frederick Quick caught a Garnsey pass for the touchdown.

After the extra point SFS must have rubbed some of its bad juju on the football because when LRS got the ball back they fumbled it early. SFS' Quick picked up the fumble and returned it for another touchdown bringing the score to 20-0.

LRS' efforts to score before the half failed.

SFS stopped LRS early in the second half, but when the cops got the ball back offensive mistakes allowed LRS' Ian Thompkins to pick up a fumble and return it close to the LRS end zone.

The SFS defense, however, stopped LRS cold with a sack by Helmbrecht and, on fourth down, a deflected pass by Melvin Teartt.

The LRS comeback finally got on track as the loggies picked off a pass and turned it into a Jason Vike



photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Coomes

Brian Hollis, SFS, runs down the sideline while Andrew Taddy, LRS, tries for his flag. SFS won last night's intramural championship game 20-13.

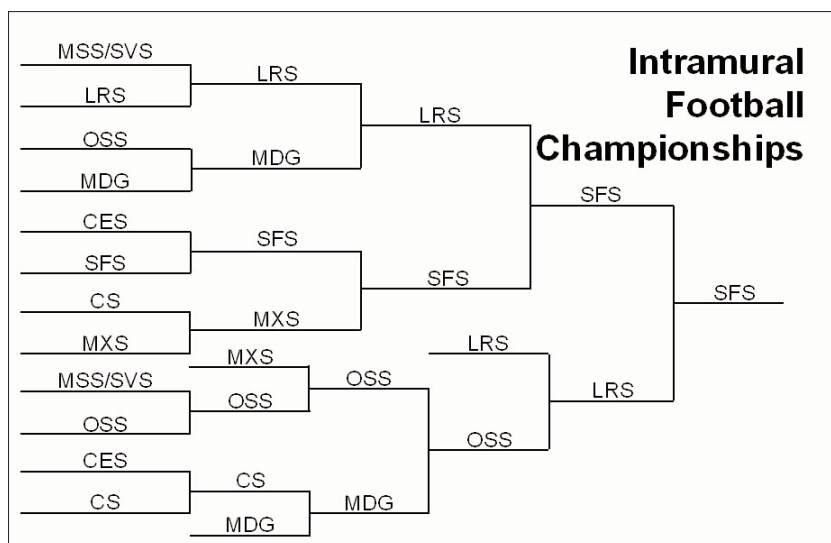
touchdown. The extra point closed the gap to 20-7.

The score gave new life to the LRS team members and they vowed not to let SFS score again. Their defense responded with a stop, and the LRS offense kept the comeback alive when Andrew Taddy found Thompkins in the end zone to cut the lead to seven.

SFS managed to keep the ball the rest of the game for the win.

"They showed heart to come back from 20 points down in the second half," said Quick, SFS team captain. "We had to play solid defense the entire game. You have to play hard on a windy day like this since it limits your passing game."

"We played thoughtful defense," said LRS' Joshua Stromberg, "but unfortunately tonight just wasn't our night."



Intramural Bowling		
Team	Wins	Losses
SVS	30	10
CONS	27	13
CES	26	14
COMM "B"	26	14
OSS	26	14
COMM "A"	24	16
LRS/POL	24	16
LRS "A"	22	18
MSS	20	20
MED GROUP	14	26
905th ARS	14	26
CPTS	14	26
LRS "B"	9	31